

## **Jesse Cowden Gassman** 3101 L6GG-KQ6



**Born:** April 6, 1876, Meyersdale, Somerset, Pennsylvania

**Died:** July 18, 1958, age 82. Hanover, York County, Pennsylvania.

**Buried:** Rest Haven Cemetery, Hanover PA.

**Mother:** Elizabeth Catherine Young Gassman. b. 4 July 1846 in Pennsylvania.

**Father:** George William Gassman. b. February 1846 in Virginia, now WV (WV became a separate state in 1863).

### **Siblings:**

James J. Gassman – b. ca 1874 in Virginia; died 1943.

Estella (Stella) Virginia Gassman – b. June 1879 in Pennsylvania. Married Charles McElfrish Sr. Stella died 1927.

Robert (Rob) L. Gassman – b. ca 1881; died 1940.

*Some say Jesse Cowden Gassman had two brothers and three sisters, but we can find only one sister, Stella. Jesse appears to be the only Gassman sibling to remain in the east. His parents and brothers moved to Findlay, Ohio. At this point, we have no information on Stella.*

**Wife:** Edna Annan Mackenzie, b. 13 June 1887, d. 1 February 1965.

**Married:** March 1, 1910.

### **Children:**

Kenneth Mackenzie Gassman – b. December 3, 1910; d. October 30, 1997

Virginia Lee Gassman Colflesh – b. February 7, 1913; d. February 21, 2001.

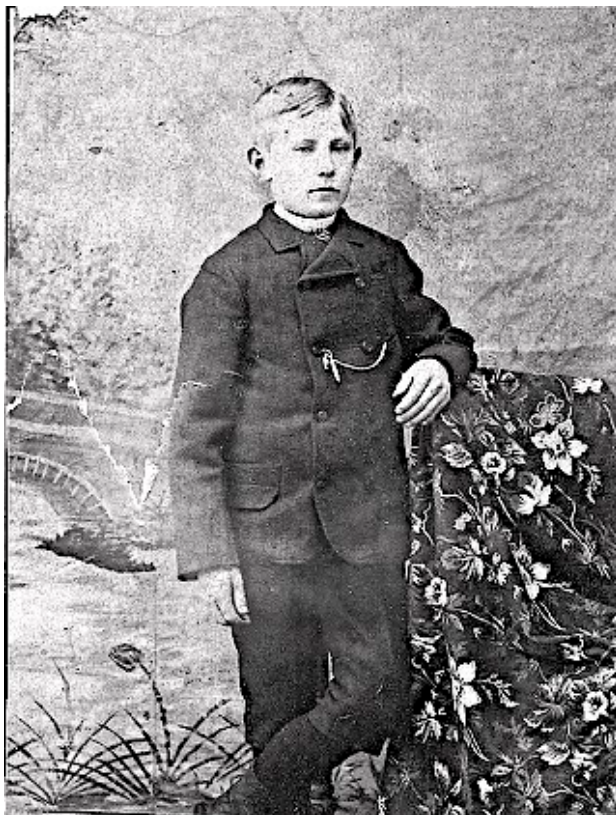
**Occupation:** American Railway Agency cashier, storeowner.

### **What We Called Him**

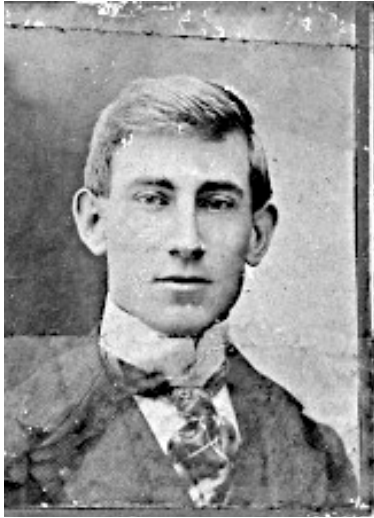
Mostly, he was known as Pop. Sometimes Craig and I (KMGjr) would call him Gramp or Grandpa Gassman.

## **TIMELINE**

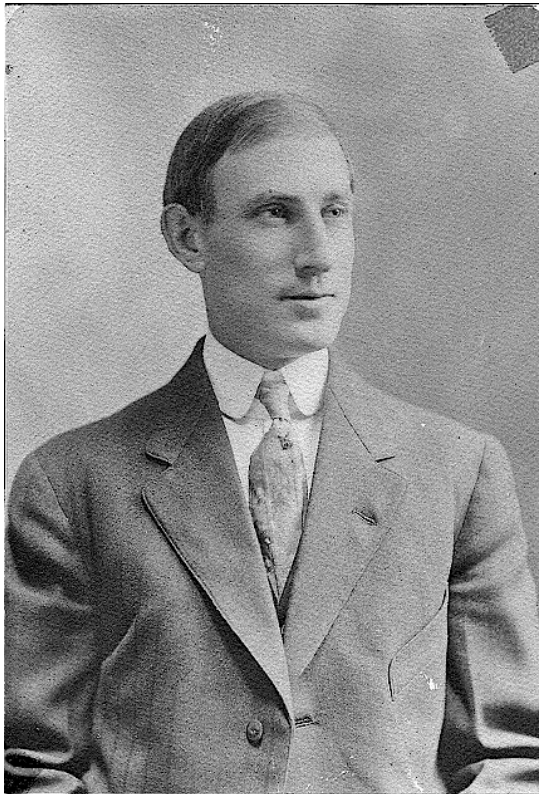
**1880 Census** – Residence: Meyersdale, Somerset, Pennsylvania. Age 4. Household members consisted of father George W. Gassman, age 33; mother Elizabeth Gassman, age 31; brother James Gassman, age 6; sister Estella Gassman, age 11 months; and Tenie Beachler, age 18. Tenie Beachler is actually Christina Young who was the niece of Elizabeth Catherine Young Gassman. Christina Beachler's mother, also named Christina (Young) is the oldest daughter of John Young and Euphemia Smith, parents of Elizabeth Catherine Young (Gassman); she married Zachariah "John" Beachler on July 27, 1854. Christina "Tenie" Beachler (the younger) eventually married Calvin C. Naugle. More information on this line can be found on the table at the end of this chapter.



**1900 Census** – Residence: Cumberland Ward 6, Allegany, Maryland. Jesse Cowden Gassman, age 23; marital status: single. Still lived with his parents. His occupation was listed as "Express Clerk", and the census enumerator noted that he could read, write, and speak English. Household members consisted of father George Gassman, age 54; mother Elizabeth Gassman, age 53; sister Estelle (sic) V. Gassman, age 20; brother Robert L. Gassman, age 19; unknown relation William A. England, age 20.



Photos of Jesse Cowden  
Gassman prior to his  
marriage to Edna Annan  
Mackenzie.



**1907** – May 14, The Evening Times, Cumberland, MD, “Masons Celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of Ohr Lodge” – Jesse C. Gassman is listed as a “master Mason of Ohr Lodge.”

**1908** – August 21 – Jesse Cowden Gassman is 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason



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 Feb. 1914

Henry R. Evans, 93<sup>rd</sup> Km.  
 Wash., D.C.  
 Edward Richardson 33<sup>rd</sup> Hon  
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W. L. Bryden 33 Hon  
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 Washington DC

**1910** – March 1 – Jesse Cowden Gassman married Edna Annan Mackenzie. The story continues in the chapter, “Jesse Cowden Gassman and Edna Annan Mackenzie Gassman: A Life Together.”

### Addendum:

Where did Jesse Cowden Gassman get his middle name “Cowden”? In April, 2021, Brian Davison, a descendent of Elizabeth Catherine Young (JCG’s mother), helped solve a mystery that I’ve been working on for years! My grandfather is Jesse COWDEN Gassman.

There is a reference in a newspaper social article (*The Morning Herald, Hagerstown, Maryland, 16 October 1930*) about a visit to my grandfather and grandmother by a Cowden family; we had thought they were perhaps just friends. It turns out that the family mentioned in the article, Mr. and Mrs. William Cowden, are Isabella Young (sister of Elizabeth Catherine Young, and therefore JCG's aunt) and William Cowden, JCG's uncle by marriage. Isabella was born in 1838 and is eight years older than Elizabeth Catherina, born in 1846.

William Firth Cowden, husband of Isabella Young, was born 25 February 1837 and died 31 January 1892 at the young age of 55. We can't say that JCG was named in memory of him; JCG was born in 1876, more than 15 years before WFC died.

That's likely how my grandfather got his middle name: from William & Isabella Cowden. Apparently, my great-grandmother Elizabeth Catherine Young Gassman must have had a strong bond with her older sister Isabella. So when it was time for her (ECY) and her husband George William Gassman to name their first child, they chose Cowden as his middle name, likely in honor of Isabella and her husband.

The Young lineage is shown on the following pages.



## JOHN YOUNG FAMILY VITAL STATISTICS

Name	Rel.	Born	Married	Died	Born in
<b>John Young</b>	hus	1805		7/7/1869	Scotland
<b>Euphemia Smith</b>	wife	1808		12/10/1863	Scotland
<b>Christina Young</b> (Beachler)	dau	1830	7/27/1854	-1873	New Brunswick
<b>John Young</b>	son	1832			New Brunswick
<b>William D. Young</b>	son	4/1834	11/12/1867	1917	New Brunswick
<b>Thomas Young</b>	son	1/15/1835	10/13/1874	1/11/1910	New Brunswick
<b>James D. Young</b>	son	1836		1880	New Brunswick
<b>Isabella Young</b> (Cowden)	dau	1838	3/1/1866		Pennsylvania
<b>Jane Young</b>	dau	1843			Pennsylvania
<b>Euphemia D. Young</b> (Milleson)	dau	7/1846	1/11/1876	5/20/1891	Pennsylvania
<b>Elizabeth C. Young</b> (Gassman)	dau	7/1846	8/25/1870	6/30/1912	Pennsylvania
<b>Jesse F. Young</b>	son	1849	10/31/1883	5/31/1889	Maryland
<b>Charlotte Young</b>	dau	1856		-1873	Maryland
<b>End of 1<sup>st</sup> Generation</b>					
<b>Zachariah "John" Beachler</b>	hus		7/27/1854		Pennsylvania
<b>Christina Young</b>	wife	1830			New Brunswick
<b>Charlotte Beachler</b> (Naugle)	dau	1856			Pennsylvania
<b>John Beachler</b>	son				Pennsylvania
<b>Christina Beachler</b> (Naugle)	dau	1860			Pennsylvania
<b>William D. Young</b>	hus	4/1834	11/12/1867	1917	New Brunswick
<b>Annie E. McKee</b>	wife	10/1849			Pennsylvania
<b>Bertha May Young</b>	dau	5/1870			Maryland
<b>Harry D. Young</b>	son	10/24/1873		2/11/1946	Maryland
<b>William Ralph Young</b>	son	3/19/1879		1956	Maryland
<b>Robert Francis Young</b>	son	9/17/1882			Maryland
<b>Thomas Young</b>	hus	1/15/1834	10/13/1874	1/11/1910	New Brunswick
<b>Mary Long</b>	wife	9/14/1836		4/3/1915	West Virginia
<b>Edward James Young</b>	son	8/30/1875		12/3/1940	Maryland
<b>John Thomas Young</b>	son	11/16/1876		7/10/1947	Maryland
<b>William L. Young</b>	son	8/8/1879	6/2/1915	6/22/1938	Maryland
<b>Isaac Uriah Young</b>	son	8/19/1880	infant	12/2/1881	Missouri
<b>Ida G. Young</b> (Cofer)	dau	6/12/1881	1908	6/30/1930	Missouri
<b>George Washington Young</b>	son	12/27/1886		7/9/1932	Missouri
<b>William Firth Cowden</b>	hus	2/25/1837	3/1/1866	1/31/1892	Canada
<b>Isabella Young</b>	wife	1838		7/16/1923	Pennsylvania
<b>John A. Cowden</b>	son	1867			Maryland
<b>William A. Cowden</b>	son	1873	1904?		Maryland

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Benjamin Monroe <b>Milleson</b>	hus	1852	1/11/1876	5/16/1891	West Virginia
Euphemia D. <b>Young</b>	wife	7/1846		5/20/1891	Pennsylvania
<i>Ernest Monroe Milleson</i>	son	9/19/1877	1906?		Maryland
George William <b>Gassman</b>	hus	2/1846	8/25/1870	7/30/1930	West Virginia
Elizabeth Catherine <b>Young</b>	wife	7/1846		6/30/1912	Pennsylvania
<i>James Gassman</i>	son	1874			
<i>Jesse Cowden Gassman</i>	son	4/6/1876	3/1/1910	7/18/1958	Pennsylvania
<i>Estella V. Gassman</i>	dau	6/1879			Pennsylvania
<i>Robert L. Gassman</i>	son	10/1881			Pennsylvania
Jesse F. <b>Young</b>	hus	1855	10/31/1883	5/31/1889	Maryland
Amanda <b>Long</b>	wife	1857			
End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Generation					
Joseph F. <b>Naugle</b>	hus	3/27/1859	11/14/1881	12/14/1931	Pennsylvania
Charlotte <b>Beachler</b>	wife	12/23/1856		5/13/1924	Maryland
<i>Eugene C. Naugle</i>	son	1886			Pennsylvania
<i>Mary Louise Naugle (Floto)</i>	dau	1892			Pennsylvania
Calvin C. <b>Naugle</b>	hus	3/10/1857		12/3/1924	Pennsylvania
Christina <b>Beachler</b>	wife	1859		3/28/1929	Pennsylvania
<i>William C. Naugle</i>	son	8/5/1881	never	10/31/1940	Pennsylvania
<i>Cora Naugle</i>	dau		never		Pennsylvania
<i>Catherine Naugle (Byers)</i>	dau				Pennsylvania
<i>Evelyn Naugle (Dyke)</i>	dau				Pennsylvania
<i>Mark Calvin Naugle</i>	son	3/13/1891	never	4/4/1964	Pennsylvania
<i>Paul A. C. Naugle</i>	son	1897			Pennsylvania
<i>Frederick Naugle</i>	son	3/8/1900		1988	Pennsylvania
William Ralph <b>Young</b>	hus	3/19/1879	10/6/1904	1956	Maryland
Elizabeth E. <b>Starford</b>	wife	1884		1977	Maryland
<i>James W. Young</i>	son	1905		1915	Maryland
<i>Robert Starford Young</i>	son	12/16/1911		1987	Maryland
<i>Donald Annan Young</i>	son	6/1/1918		2004	Maryland
<i>Mary E. Young</i>	dau	1927			Maryland
Robert Francis <b>Young</b>	hus	9/17/1882	3/25/1905	10/11/1942	Maryland
Augusta Blane <b>Turner</b>	wife	11/2/1884		10/3/1978	
<i>William Dawson Young</i>	son	4/3/1907		4/21/1951	Maryland
William L. <b>Young</b>	hus	8/8/1878	6/1/1915	6/22/1938	Maryland
Nancy Jane <b>Kittrell</b>	wife	2/18/1877		2/21/1954	Tennessee
<i>Victor Wayne Young</i>	son	8/25/1917	4/7/1937	3/15/1973	Missouri

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